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## “We Took ANC’s Advice,” Claims OP

In a “Supplemental Report” dated May 23, 2005, the D.C. Office of Planning claims it has changed its recommendations to the Zoning Commission on the ballpark zoning in response to suggestions from the ANC and others, such as: The ballpark folks must address “potential neighborhood impacts” including “minimizing parking and traffic conflicts between ballpark patrons and neighborhood residents,” and “encouraging the use of bicycles and other alternative modes of transportation,” and “recognition of the location of the ballpark across the street from an existing low density residential area.”

## River Trail, Circulator At SWNA June 27

The public in Southwest will see the maps and get explanations of two innovations coming to this area soon.

The monthly meeting of the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly at St. Matthew’s Lutheran Church Mon. June 27 at 7:30 pm will hear from the DC Department of Transportation about the Anacostia River Trail system.

The shuttle bus on 7th St. from downtown to the SW Waterfront, called The Circulator, will be described.

Corcoran Gallery will tell of its plans to buy Randall School, 65 I (Eye) St. S.W.



Early morning protesters at Jefferson Jr. High hold picket signs informing the public of the failures of the D.C. Public School System to respond (including Dick Gregory, at right).

## Parents Make Progress At Jeff

By Dr. Louise Taylor

The weeks of picketing by parents and friends of Jefferson Jr. High have paid off with some concessions being agreed to by School Superintendent Janey’s office.

A meeting on June 1 with key administrators Dr. Meria Carstaphen, Mr. Dale Talbert and Dr. Bill Johnson confirmed these concessions:

- Repairs to the school building and grounds have begun and will continue with extensive cleaning before the next school year.

- An English teacher has been assigned to the 7th grade which had none all year. Parents will be informed of any remediation needed.

- Dr. Bill Johnson is in regular atten-

dance at Jefferson to assist with an orderly closing of the year and giving attention to health and safety of students and teachers.

- Safety measures will be continued after a locker search uncovered a BB gun. A student has been transferred from Jefferson.

- A new permanent principal will be assigned by July 1, 2005.

- Assurance has been sought that there will be no retaliation to parents, teachers or security personnel for their recent efforts.

Picketing has been suspended. We must monitor conditions until Jefferson is returned to the stability and sense of pride and academic achievement that prevailed until June 2004.

## Andy Litsky Against SW Ballpark Plan

Andy Litsky, chairman of the SW/SE Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC 6-D) testified against the city’s plan for locating a ballpark on South Capitol St. S.W. at a meeting of the D.C. Zoning Commission.

To permit a ballpark to be built at that

location the Zoning Commission must change zoning regulations.

Chairman Litsky was especially critical of the District’s failure to consider the traffic problems a ballpark would create on top of “massive traffic snarls” already approaching from city-approved construction projects even without a ballpark.

The District’s Department of Transportation “has already publicly admitted, that M Street is right now the most heavily trafficked street in the District of Columbia,” said Litsky.

“The stadium plan does not take into consideration the additional traffic that will be the result of the elimination of Water Street and the attendant two decade construction of the SW Waterfront,” he continued. “Nor does it take into consideration the opening of Fourth Street SW and the eventual construction of the Waterside complex. Nor does it take into consideration the build-out of the massive SE Federal Center Project. Nor does it take into consideration the

proposed reorientation of P Street, SW and the new Ft. McNair gate. Nor does it take into consideration the placement of the new headquarters of the DC Department of Motor Vehicles on M Street, SW, and it’s attendant one-stop-shopping and enhanced vehicle inspection facility located just three blocks from the stadium site. And it certainly does not take into consideration the massive traffic snarls that will ensue during the anticipated fifteen to twenty years that it will take to reconstruct South Capitol Street and Eleventh Street Bridges — let alone this massive baseball stadium and the attendant entertainment zone that will develop around it.”

“The city does us no favors by continuing to refuse to look at traffic holistically rather than on a project by project basis,” Litsky concluded.

(Ed. Note - The Southwest Neighborhood Assembly Board is submitting its statement for the record)



## Fireworks, Concert, Parade, Mon., July 4

Southwest and Capitol Hill residents are right next door to all the spectacle of the Fourth of July celebration on The National Mall in Washington, D.C. ([www.nps.gov/nama/events](http://www.nps.gov/nama/events))

**PARADE: 11:45 am  
Mon. July 4**

The Parade route starts at 7th St. N.W. and runs along Constitution Ave. to 17th St. NW. Marching bands, floats, giant helium balloons etc. METRO stops nearby are: Green/Yellow line Archives/Navy Memorial stop at 7th and D NW; or Orang/Blue lines Federal Triangle (12th & C St. NW) or L’Enfant Plaza (7th & Maryland Ave. SW)

### CONCERTS

All free and open to public.

4:30 pm until the fireworks begin. Navy Band at **Washington Monument grounds** at 15th St. SW. METRO NOT Smithsonian Station (It is closed July 4) Blue & Orange lines: Federal Triangle (12th St. NW) or Farragut West at 17th NW. **U.S. Capitol grounds west lawn** - 7:30pm National Symphony Orchestra METRO Capitol South on blue/orange lines - bring a blanket (not a folding chair which will block other viewers) This concert is broadcast on public broadcasting TV stations. ([www.pbs.org/capitol-fourth](http://www.pbs.org/capitol-fourth))

### FIREWORKS

At 9:10 pm when the fireworks start, you can watch without getting into the crowds on the Mall. In Southwest, Maine Ave. and Water St. point directly at the Washington Monument and the fireworks. On Capitol Hill, Independence Ave. and Constitutional Ave point toward the fireworks, too.

Plan to walk home from the fireworks. METRO will be overloaded.

### PARK RULES

National Park Service Park Police have strict rules for the Mall - which is all Park Service property: No alcoholic beverages. No fireworks. No barbecues or other open flames. No firearms. Don’t feed the squirrels or birds. Don’t pick flowers or plants. For safety sake, don’t bring glass bottles. Do not wade in the pools. The water is stagnant and not filtered or treated.

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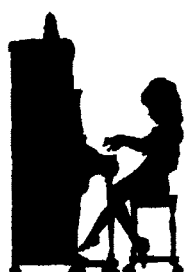
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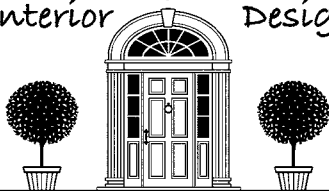


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in long lines at concession stands near the monuments.

Bring lots of bottled water for the whole day, although water stations are throughout the Mall. Portable restrooms will be placed around the Mall.

### THE SUN AND HEAT

First Aid Tents with fans and water will be in the area. Park Rangers and First Aid Volunteers will patrol the area.

Drink lots of water, even if you are not thirsty. Eat normal meals. Take frequent shade breaks and find air conditioning.

## Hill Agency Wins Award

The Art Directors Club of Metro Washington honored Capitol Hill's Edge Advertising with an award at the club's 56th annual gala and exhibition on June 17. Karin Edgett, president of Edge Advertising, accepted the award for designing "a new logo, corporate presentation materials, truck signage, business cards, stationary system and web presence" for a local landscaping firm.

## Yard Sales, Sat., Sun. June 25, 26

Carrollsborg, A Condominium (CAC) has its annual yard sale Sat., June 25 from 10 am to 3 pm in front of the West building at 1250 4th SW. Vendor space \$5 for residents, \$10 for non-residents of CAC. First come first serve Info at 202-554-5780, Barbara Marshal.

Town Center Plaza will have a yard sale in the parking lot at the corner of 3rd & M SW, in front of 1101 3rd St. SW behind the Safeway on both Sat. and Sun. June 25, 26 from 9 am to 3 pm. Their ad below tells of available items like home furnishing, tables, chairs, china, TVs, VCRs, videos, DVDs, kitchenware, crystal, glass, linens, clothes, shoes, jewelry loads of fine accessories, toys, scooters, etc. They plan "fun activities" and a barbecue. Vendor space is \$10. Info at 202-863-5441, Beulah.

## Southwest Community Calendar

### MONTHLY

**SAT. JUNE 18** Community Breakfast \$5 Christ United Methodist Church, K & Wesley Pl entrance, 9 am-11 am

**SUN. JUNE 19** Fathers Day

**THURS. JUNE 23** Smithsonian Folklife Festival begins on Mall by museums

**MON. JUNE 27** SWNA monthly public meeting, St. Matthew's Church, 3rd & M St. SW, 7:30-9 pm

**MON. JULY 4** Independence Day holiday

**TUES. JULY 5** Police Citizens Advisory Council, 415 4th St. SW, 7 pm

**SAT. JULY 9** Second Sat. late openings, specials on Capitol Hill, incl. Barracks Row, 8th St. SE

**MON. JULY 11** ANC 6D monthly meeting, open to the public, 65 I (Eye) St. SW, 7 pm-10 pm

**MON. JULY 25** monthly public meeting of the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly (SWNA) St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, 3rd & M St. S.W., 7:30 pm-9 pm.

### WEEKLY, BI-WEEKLY

**S.W. CITIZENS PATROL** with Officer Kenny Daniels every Tues. at 7 pm - meet at 4th & M St. S.W., next to Waterfront Front, Metro elevator at 4th & M St. SW.

**KOMEN TOASTMASTERS** - First & Third Sat., S.W. Library, 10 am

**FIL-AM TOASTMASTERS** - Second & Fourth Wed., S.W. Library, 6:15 pm

**SCHOOL ST. TOASTMASTERS** - Every Tues., 400 Virginia Ave. S.W., Room 488 - noon

**COLLECTOR'S CLUB STAMPS** - First & Third Wed., Christ United Methodist Church, 300 block of I (Eye) St. S.W., 7 pm (202)-291-6229

**S.W. KIWANIS** - First & Third Mon., Christ United Methodist, 4th & I St. S.W., 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm

**NEW SOUTHWEST TOASTMASTERS** - Every Wed. GSA Bldg - 7th & D St. S.W., Room 5009 (inside cafeteria), noon

**FARMER'S MARKET** - Every Tues. DOT Plaza, 400 7th St., SW, 10 am - 2 pm

**FARMER'S MARKET** - Every Sat. 6th and Independence Ave., SW, 10 am - 2 pm

**LABYRINTH WALK** - First & Third Wed., Westminster Presbyterian Church, 400 I (Eye) St. SW 7:00 pm to 9 pm.

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**\*Vendor space available for \$10 including free barbecue. \$4 off with this ad. Call Beulah at 202-863-5441 for information.**



## Free Summer Meals For Kids

During the summer free breakfast and lunch will be available to youth age 18 and under in Near Southwest.

At Bowen School, Delaware & M St. S.W., breakfast will be served from 8 am to 9 am and lunch from 12 to 1 pm starting Tues. July 5 through Wed. Aug. 10. Entrance is through the cafeteria door next to the playground.

At King-Greenleaf Recreation Center, N St. and Canal St. S.W. breakfast will be served from 9 to 10 am and lunch from 1 to 3 pm. From Mon. June 27 through Wed. Aug. 31.

The State Education Office responsible for the program is at 724-7726.

## Society Of Donors At Arena Stage

Arena Stage has formed a new society of donors who plan to make bequests or other planned gifts to the theater.

Until 2008 donors can become charter members of the group, called the Full Circle Society.

## Staff Changes At Arena Stage

Guy Berquist, Production Manager, will be full-time coordinator of Arena's expansion project. Care Lawless, most recently of Milwaukee Repertory Theater, will join Arena Stage as Production Manager. He was an Arena Stage intern during the early 1980s.

## "Energize the Ward 6 Dems!"

by Lida Churchville

When the Ward 6 convention and elections were held on June 4, Southwest residents and friends were present and active in the process.

Jan Eichhorn, 510 N St. SW, was named President of the Ward 6 Democrats again. Ray Williams, 350 G St. SW, was named Treasurer again. Recording Secretary Deleon Ware may not be a SW resident but he is an enthusiastic math and algebra teacher at Jefferson Jr. High in SW.

Richard Westbrook and Lida Churchville were named as representatives for Southwest's 142nd Precinct.

## Stock Market At Amidon

Four teams of sixth graders at Amidon Elementary School in SW learned how the stock market works over 10 weeks recently. Each team started with a "virtual cash account" of \$100,000 and chose which investments they would make. One team beat the S&P Index with their choices.

Lynn Roney was instructor. The learning materials for the program are provided by 600 securities firms. The aim is to teach math and other skills, critical thinking, independent research, etc.

## Tiffany S. Robinson Wins \$2,500

A high school junior at Banneker High Tiffany S. Robinson has been awarded \$2,500 to be applied to her college expenses when she graduates from high school. She is one of nine juniors in public and private schools in D.C. selected by the Discovery Card \$1 million dollar program nationwide.

Students must have a minimum 2.75 cumulative average and have shown "special talents, leadership and community service, while successfully overcoming a roadblock or challenge."

At right, Tiffany Robinson



## Jannel Alston Receives Honor

On the recommendation of Dr. A. Slocumba, math teacher at Jefferson Jr. High, Jannel Alston will appear in the yearbook of the US Achievement Academy as a winner in mathematics.

## the 2005/2006 season

### passion play, a cycle

by Sarah Ruhl  
directed by Molly Smith  
September 2 – October 16, 2005

### born yesterday

by Garson Kanin  
directed by Kyle Donnelly  
September 30 – November 6, 2005

### cuttin' up

written and directed by  
Charles Randolph-Wright  
adapted from the book by  
Craig Marberry  
November 4, 2005 – January 1, 2006

### damn yankees

words and music by  
Richard Adler and Jerry Ross  
book by George Abbott  
and Douglass Wallop  
based on the novel by Douglass Wallop  
*The Year the Yankees Lost the Pennant*  
directed by Molly Smith  
December 9, 2005 – February 5, 2006

### awake and sing!

by Clifford Odets  
directed by Zelda Fichandler  
January 20 – March 5, 2006

### the rainmaker

by N. Richard Nash  
directed by Lisa Peterson  
March 3 – April 9, 2006

### lady day at emerson's bar & grill

by Lanie Robertson  
directed by Ken Roberson  
March 31 – June 4, 2006

### on the verge or the geography of yearning

by Eric Overmyer  
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May 5 – June 11, 2006

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- OurPlaceDC which supports women returning to the community from incarceration;
- Children's Environmental Health Network, providing a scholarship for a student to develop talents in environmental and cultural areas;
- Camp Arena Stage in which a student will be selected to learn the many stages in the development of live theater productions.

We have made other funding commitments and expect additional meritorious applications. We have had to defer or reduce funding of some applications.

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## Flowers Bloom At So. Cap., M

A flower garden has been started on the Southwest corner of So. Capitol St. and M St. S.W. in place of a rocky eyesore overgrown with weeds.

ANC 6-D Commissioner Mary Williams organized volunteers in her Carrollburg Place neighborhood. Michael Bonds, SW resident and community specialist for CSOSA (Court Service and Offender Supervision Agency of D.C.) enlisted volunteers from his office. D.C. Dept. of Public Works brought yellow garbage bags, garden tools and a truckload of mulch. The Casey Tee Foundation has pledged to provide trees.

The Fire Department has agreed to provide water regularly to the new plants and the D.C. police will keep an eye on the site.

Next step is to gather again on Sat., June 25 for more hands-on efforts to transform the ugly to the beautiful. To volunteer, contact Commissioner Williams at 202-488-0869.



ANC Commissioner Mary Williams and her volunteers begin a flower garden at South Capitol St. and M S.W.



## Police Discuss Juvenile Assaults

The monthly public meeting of Police Service Area 104 (most of Near SW) heard a discussion of youth gangs fighting with each other and juveniles assaulting adults on the streets in S.W.

Lt. Ronald Wilkins reported on efforts to combat assaults and drug crimes in the neighborhood, at the monthly meeting of PSA 104 which was in the large meeting lobby at Syphax Village condos at Half and N St. S.W.

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## NARFE Officers Elected

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			\$329,000	3br 2ba	397 O St.

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\$569,000	2br 2ba	317 N St.	\$500,000	2br 1.50ba	102 G St.
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African drumming and piano music accompanied scripture readings in several languages at a service at St. Augustine's Episcopal Church with St. Matthew's Evangelical Lutheran Church on May 15.

The Pentecost bible story tells of flames of fire appearing and the words of the disciples of Jesus being heard by people from different lands as if spoken in their own language. At the service at St. Augustine's red sashes on the drummers represented the fire. Parishioners read the bible story simultaneously in English, Spanish, Italian, Koine, Greek, Swahili and Russian.

St. Augustine's minister of music Joyce Bouvier played the piano while drummers from The Unity Fellowship Church performed. Rev. Dr. Barbara J. Clarke of St. Augustine's and Rev. Philip Huber of St. Matthew's spoke.

(Information supplied by Elaine Graves of St. Augustine's)

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# Club #4 Award Banquet

By Alvin Hudgens

Participation trophies went to 71 football players, 81 basketball players and 16 baseball players at the annual awards banquet of the Metropolitan Police Boys and Girls Club #4.

Including MVPs, Sportsmanship and the like a total of 204 trophies, plaques and certificates were given out.

Several community organizations and individuals were also recognized. The Southwest Youth Activities Task Force of the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly was given a plaque for "Outstanding and

Dedicated Service." In the past year this community organization has sponsored The Vikings with purchase of new baseball uniforms and donated \$1,000 to reduce the annual registration fees players must pay for baseball and basketball.

Keynote speaker at the banquet at Bowen School (clubhouse for club #4) was Ed Martin

Summer enrichment camp participants, volunteers and the Power Hour tutoring & educational programs were honored.

Officer Gibson praised Club #4 as one of the premium organizations of the

Metropolitan Police Boys & Girls Clubs. He urged the students to study as hard as you can to succeed.

A.L. Marten of Channel 28 spoke to parents to stop being lenient. He said a grade of C is no good any more. Students need discipline, hard work and learning to treat people fairly. He cited coach Tamil Perry as a club #4 member in her youth, who went on to get a master's degree

in college and is now a city clerk in the Washington area.

Darius Stanton, regional director for the Greater Washington Boys & Girls Clubs gave a pep talk to the young athletes.

Among those receiving plaques was Jean Macdonald, chair of the SWNA Youth Activities Task Force, which helps finance Club #4 programs.



Coaches in the back row of the 2005 Club #4 12-and-under baseball team are (left to right) Ronald Hines, Charles Banks and William Hudson, Sr. Team members in their new uniforms bought by the SW Youth Activities Task Force are: Back row - Raven Fuller, Antonio Spencer, Parry White, Charles McPherson, Dominique Woods, Tyrick Hagood, Adrain Dickerson, Ralpheal Terrell, Derrick Carter and catcher Javon Abney. Bending over between the rows in the center Donte Toney. Front row left to right: Michael Wanzor, Morriko Washington, Rico Robinson, Dryon Iracks, Daquel Covington and Dante Graves.

## No. 4 Baseball Leads Leagues

By Alvin Hudgens

As The Southwester goes to press Club #4's 12-and-under baseball team is leading other D.C. teams in both the Little League and the Cal Ripken League.

Ralpheal Terrell (.309), Adrain Dickerson (.289) and Javon Abney (.312) have provided the senior leadership, with all three hitting well and maybe leading the leagues in all-star voting.

The coaching staff of Ronald Hines, William Hudson and Charles Banks has developed some consistent young pitchers. First-year player Rico Robinson has pitched three complete games and saved two others.

Part-time catcher and senior Javon Abney has shown he can close big games out. Other players having a great year are Derrick Carter, Dominique Woods and Daquel Covington.

## Fatherhood Meetings Thursdays

Every other Thursday evening, discussions on teen fatherhood will be held at the South Washington Collaborative office at 1501 Half St. S.W. in Suite 31 from 6 to 8 pm.

Discussions will include current job openings. Refreshments will be served. Floyd Patterson, family service coordinator can be reached at 488-7997 extension 15.

## St. Matthew's Changes Developers

Tammell Crow Co. and CSG Urban Partners, LLC, will be the developers of the new church being planned by St. Matthew's Lutheran Church on its present site at 3rd and M St. S.W. The same design architect as before, Brennan Beer Gorman Monk, will be involved.

Features will be a new sanctuary for the church, community space, homeownership of condominiums rather than rental,

underground parking garage and courtyard space. A few affordable homes will be included.

At a public meeting of the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly at St. Augustine's Church in May public comments were invited.

After zoning commission approval during the coming 12 months, construction may start in June 2006, with completion in June 2008.



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**Reminder: The next Meeting of the SWNA will be June 27th at 7:30 PM.  
The meeting will be held at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church at 222 M Street SW.**



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